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IN A CONVERSATION ON MARCH 11, THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (AGUIRRE) RECONFIRMED TO
EMBOFFS ANTUNES STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CLOSER SPANISH TIES
TO NATO, MADE DURING HIS MEETING WITH AREILZA. AGUIRRE PLACED
THIS IN THE CONTEX OF WHAT THE SPANISH INTERPRET TO BE A
GENERALLY MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THIS PORTUGUESE GOVT
TOWARD RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, WHICH THEY CONTRAST WITH THE SALAZAR
REGIME'S FEARS OF PORTUGAL'S BEING OVERSHADOWED EVEN
DOMINATED BY SPAIN. (COMMENT: AGUIRRE HAS NOT DESCRIBED
THIS IN TERMS OF A FIRM COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ANY SPECIFIC TIME FRAME.)
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